

CHARLES G. BIGGS, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT IN THE
CASE OF CHARLES G. BIGGS, ADMINISTRATOR, AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 5, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 4, 1902.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. DAVID B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 4234. Charles G. Biggs, administrator of Benjamin F. Rohrback, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Benjamin F. Rohrback, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed June 1, 1896.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 4234. Charles G. Biggs, administrator of Benjamin F. Rohrback, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 20th day of April, 1888.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 1st day of June, 1896, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 6th day of January, 1902.

George A. and William B. King, esqs., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by John Q. Thompson, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is the administrator of the personal estate of Benjamin F. Rohrback, deceased, late of Washington County, State of Maryland, who resided in said county and State during the war of the rebellion. That at different times during said period the United States forces took from the claimant's decedent stores and supplies and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, to wit:

Taken in September and October, 1862, by portion of the Army under command of Gen. George B. McClellan:

400 bushels corn, at 65 cents	\$260.00
8 tons fodder, at \$5	40.00
4 tons fodder, at \$5	20.00
75 bushels potatoes, at 75 cents	56.25
5½ cords wood, at \$3.50 (being 56 panels fence)	19.25
25 cords wood (being 200 panels worm fence), at \$3.50	87.50
4 tons clover hay, at \$10	40.00

Taken in or about the month of July, 1863, by portion of General Meade's army:

10 tons uncut clover hay, at \$10	100.00
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Taken during July, 1864, by General Hunter's command:

400 bushels oats, at 65 cents	260.00
5 tons straw, at \$6	30.00

Total

813.00

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACTS.

There was taken from the claimant's decedent, in the county of Washington, State of Maryland, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described, which was then and there reasonably worth the sum of three hundred and two dollars (\$302).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed January 13, 1902.

A true copy.

Test this 4th day of February, 1902.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.